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German Democratic Republic

REMOVAL OF BENZINWERK BOEHLEN TO THE USSR

In 1947 a new project became known at the Boehlen Gasoline Factory, whereby a new plant was to be erected out of the dismantled installations of the Blechkammer, Magdeburg, Poelitz, and Leuna hydrogenation works. The suggested location of this new plant was in Krasnoy on Lake Baikal in Siberia, 800 km. from the Manchurian border. This plant has been built, and production started a few months before the outbreak of the Korean War.

All patents in the field of high-pressure hydrogenation and others were owned by I.G. Farben. The latter never approved a license for the building of new hydrogenation plants.

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Particularly involved is Engineer Riedel, who was deputy chairman of the I.Z. /sic / during the war. After the war he became head of the I.Z.

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Since the Soviet Military authorities first suggested the project of building the plant in the USSR, Riedel has been very instrumental in carrying out the plans.

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